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REPRESENTATIVE SCHAKOWSKY URGES ALL RESIDENTS IN THE CHICAGO AREA TO FILL OUT CENSUS FORM

WILL LEAD VOLUNTEERS ON APRIL 1 FOR CENSUS DAY OF ACTION TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO "STAND UP AND BE COUNTED"

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today joined members of Congress to urge everyone to complete their Census forms as soon as possible.

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"Too much is at stake for our children's education, our parent's health, and our community's future to not stand up and be counted.□ Unfortunately, as of today, only 43% of the people in Cook County have filled out their Census forms.□ That is well below the target rate.□ It is time to convince the rest that in order for our community to get its fair share of federal dollars for education, senior programs, and healthcare, every person must participate in the Census," Schakowsky said.

Schakowsky also announced a "Census Day of Action" on April 1, 2000.□ Schakowsky will join volunteers in the Chicago area to encourage the community to "Stand Up and Be Counted."□ This effort is organized in conjunction with the members of CAALI and ICIRR.□□

Below are the times and locations for April 1, 2000 "Census Day of Action" events.□ Members of the media are invited.

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM□□ Argyle Street "L" Train Station in Chicago

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM□□ Meet at Family Focus on Dewey in Evanston

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Leave Family Focus to Distribute Flyers in West Evanston

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM□□ Howard Street "L" Train Station in Chicago

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Jewels Food Store at 4355 N. Sheridan Road (Sheridan & Montrose)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Dominicks Food Store at 6009 N. Broadway (between Thorndale and Glen Lake)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Devon Street at the corner of Devon and California

Schakowsky will also hold a meeting of the African and Caribbean Advisory Committee of the 9th Congressional District at Truman College at 3:00pm to discuss the Census and encourage community members to participate.□ The address is 1145 W. Wilson Avenue.